

ABSTRACT

5 The present invention is a method for the treatment or prevention
of preferably non-insulin dependent (NIDDM or so-called Type II) diabetes
mellitus, or other conditions associated with impaired glucose tolerance such
as obesity, and in particular to the use of phytanic acid derivatives for the
said treatment and / or prevention. A method of making a composition for the
treatment or prevention of non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus and
10 related diseases comprising combining phytanic acid or derivatives thereof
with a pharmaceutically acceptable additive or adjuvant, and a composition
for the treatment or prevention of non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus
comprising phytanic acid or derivatives thereof are also provided.